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SUBJ: ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAIGN FOCUSESS ON GERMANS

1. SUMMARY. SERIES OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM GOR LEADERS INCLUDING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU AND PRSSS ARTICLES IN LEADING ROMANIAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE SHARPLY DENOUNCED WHAT IS TERMED "FOREIGN INSTIGATION" OF ROMANIAN EMIGRATION ABROAD. MUCH OF CAMPAIGN HAS SO FAR BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS IN ROMANIA TO FRG. FRG EMBASSY HERE IS CONCERNED AND WATCHING SITUATION CLEARLY, BUT ALSO NOTES GOR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO SAXONS AND SWABIANS FOR EMIGRATION HAS BEEN AT UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL SO FAR IN  
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1977. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT ECAUSESCU SOUNDED OPENING GUN DURING MAJOR FIVE-HOUR SPEECH MARCH 28 TO UNPRECEDENTED JOINT SESSION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND OTHER PARTY/STATE BODIES (OTHER ASPECTS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS). IN LENGTHY SECTION PLACED IN CONTEXT OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT,

PRESIDENT DENOJNCED THOSE WHO WOULD EMIGRATE FROM ROMANIA BUT EVEN MORE SHARPLY ATTACKED THOSE WHO INSTIGATE ROMANIAN EMIGRATION FROM ABROAD. SUCH ATIONS NOT ONLY WOULD LEAD TO A DISORGANIZATION OF THE ROMANIAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM, HE CONTENDED, BUT ALSO REPRESENT A SERIOUS INTER-FERENCE IN ROMANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS "WHICH WE WILL NEVER ALLOW."

3. IN CASE ANYONE MISSED THE POINT, THREE SPEAKERS IN FOLLOWING DAY'S SESSION ADDRESSED EMIGRATION ISSUE. MOST OUTSPOKEN WAS ERNEST BREITENSTEIN, CHIEF EDITOR OF OFFICIAL GERMAN LANGUAGE DAILY NEWSPAPER "NEUER WEG" WHO STATED: "NOW THEY (THE FOREIGN INSTIGATORS) HAVE BROADER PLANS; THEY ARE ATEEMPTING TO INDUCE AN ENTIRE NATIONAL COMMUNITY, HISTORICALLY FORMED ON ROMANIAN TERRITORY (I.E. THE SAXONS), TO LEAVE THE MOTHERLAND. THESE CIRCLES ARE TRYING TO LIQUIDATE AN ETHNIC ENTITY, A CO-RESIDING NATIONALITY TO WHICH, INSTEAD OF SOCIALISM AND THE (BRIGHT) PROSPECT OF COMMUNISM, THEY OFFER ONLY THE DIFFICULT AND BITTER LIFE OF AN EMIGRANT IN RETURN FOR ONLY SLIGHT MATERIAL ADVANTAGES."

4. "SCINTEIA" MARCH 31 CARRIED FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL ARTICLE BY ONE FRANZ STORCH WHO CLAIMED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GERMAN COMMUNITY HERE WHICH REFUSES TO LEAVE ROMANIA AND REJECTS THE "SIREN SONGS" FROM ABROAD WHICH URGE THE TOTAL EMIGRATION OF SAXON AND SWABIAN GROUPS. ARGUING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL PERSONS IRRESPECTIVE OF ETHNIC ORIGIN ARE FULLY PROTECTED IN ROMANIA, STORCH CONFIDENTIAL

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CLAIMED THAT WHILE XUMILY REUNIFICATION CASES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TREATED WITH UNDERSTANDING EVEN BEFORE HELSINKI, IT IS A QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT THING TO INSTIGATE AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO ABANDON ITS COUNTRY FOREVER.

5. SAME EDITION OF "SCINTEIA" CARRIES A PRESS ROUND-UP SEVERELY CRITICAL OF THE HIRING OF SPECIALISTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY DEVELOPED NATIONS. FOR THE UNITED STATES, IT CLAIMS, THIS "BRAIN DRAIN" HAS AMOUNTED TO A VALUE OF DOLS 3.7 BILLION, WHILE THE UNITED STATES IN RETURN HAS GIVEN ONLY DOLS 3.1 BILLION IN AID TO LDC'S.

6. ALL THREE MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS APRIL 1 FEATURE EMIGRATION QUESTION. "SCINTEIA" REPORTS THE RETURN OF A SAXON PEASANT TO ROMANIA AFTER ALLEGEDLY BITTER EXPERIENCES IN THE FRG. HIS STORY, "SCINTEIA" CONCLUDES, IS A "MERCILESS ACCUSATION AGAINST THE PROMOTERS OF EMIGRATION AND OF LEAVING ONE'S OWN FAMILY AND COUNTRY." ECHOING THE STORCH ARTICLE, "ROMANIAN LIBERA" HEADLINES A LONG

COLUMN: "SIREN SONGS WHICH DECEIVE NO ONE NOW."  
AUTHOR INTERVIEWED SAXON PEASANTS FROM TWO VILLAGES IN  
MURES COUNTY (NORTH-CENTRAL ROMANIA IN TRANSYLVANIA  
REGION) WHO HAVE NOT EMIGRATED BUT WHO HAVE VISITED  
FRG. ACCORDING TO STORY, PEASANTS CONTENTED THAT  
GERMANS REALLY DISLIKE SAXONS FROM ROMANIA AND THAT  
IN COMPARISON OPPORTUNITIES ARE MUCH GREATER HERE.  
"OUT OF ROMANIA, WE WOULD BE NOTHING." CONCLUDES  
ONE INTERVIEWEE: "THE ROMANIAN STATE SHOULD NOT ALLOW  
EMIGRATION ANY MORE TO PROTECT THOSE WHO COULD STILL  
BE DELUDED BY THE PRESENT FOREIGN PROPAGANDA WHICH  
HAS OBVIOUSLY DISHONEST PURPOSES." "SCINTEIA TINERETULUI"  
CARRIES ARTICLE BY ANTON BREITENHOFER, CB OF GERMAN NATIONALITY  
COUNCIL, WHICH IS LESS STRIDENT THAN  
THE OTHERS ON EMIGRATION PER SE AND TALKS INSTEAD  
ABOUT SOLIDARITY AMONG ALL ROMANIAN WORKERS IRRESPECTIVE  
OF NATIONALITY AND CEAUSESCU'S DESIRE TO SOLVE THE  
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NATIONALITY PROBLEM. ALL THREE PAPERS CARRY COM-  
PLEMENTARY ARTICLES ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE WEST AND  
THE MISERY IT CAUSES.

7. COMMENT: NEITHER WE NOR FRG EMBASSY HAVE EXPLANATION  
FOR WHY DECISION WAS TAKEN TO MOUNT ORCHESTRATED AND  
INTENSE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN AT THIS TIME. SENIOR FRG EMBOFF  
TOLD US THAT GOR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO ETHNIC  
LUERMANS FOR EMIGRATION TO FRG HAS BEEN AT UNUSUALLY  
HIGH LEVEL SO FARTHIN 1977 AND THAT THEIR SOURCES IN  
GOR HAD ASSURED THEM THIS WILL CONTINUE AT LEAST UP  
TO BELGRADE CONFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, AT LEAST  
INITIALLY FRG EMBASSY IS LESS WORRIED BY PRESENT  
CAMPAIGN THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE  
CLEARLY CONCERNED AND WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY.  
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